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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
(San Francisco Division)

In re:

EDWARD SEWON EHEE,

Debtor.

Case No. C 07-03996-SI

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION (I) REQUESTING THE
APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT,(II)
REQUESTING RETURN OF THE
REFERENCE OF THE BANKRUPTCY
CASES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT,
AND (III) REQUESTING OTHER
RELATED RELIEF**

In re:

COMPASS FUND MANAGEMENT,
LLC,

Debtor.

Objection Deadline
Date: February 25, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Judge: Susan Illston
Courtroom: 10
(No Hearing Scheduled)
Case No. C 07-03995-SI

In re:

COMPASS WEST FUND, L.P.,

Debtor.

Case No. C 07-03997-SI

1 I, RICHARD C. PEDONE, declare as follows:

2 I am an attorney at law admitted pro hac vice to practice before this Court and am associated
3 with Nixon Peabody, LLP attorneys for the petitioning creditor, AAG Roosevelt Fund, LP.

4 Roosevelt is a Delaware limited partnership with a principal place of business in Greenbrae,
5 California.
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7 The Debtor, Edward Ehee, is a natural person who is a citizen and resident of the United
8 States and is a resident of San Ramon, California. The Debtor is also a person against whom an order
9 for relief may be entered under Section 303 of the Bankruptcy Code.

10 On November 8, 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") filed a
11 complaint alleging the Debtor (and others) violated various federal securities laws with this Court.
12 *Securities & Exchange Commission v. Viper Capital Management, LLC, et al.*, Case No. C-06-6966-
13 SI (the "SEC Action").
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15 On November 22, 2006, Roosevelt filed a complaint (the "Complaint") against Ehee and his
16 management companies alleging violations of various federal securities laws and certain state laws.
17 *AAG Roosevelt Fund, L.P. v. Edward Sewon Ehee, et al.*, Case No. C-06-7270 SI (N.D. Cal.) (the
18 "Roosevelt Action").
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20 In addition to filing the Petition against the Debtor, Roosevelt simultaneously filed
21 involuntary bankruptcy petitions against the following entities:

- 22 (a) Compass Fund Management, LLC, thus commencing *In the Matter of Compass Fund*
23 *Management, LLC*, Bankr. N.D. Cal. Chapter 7 Case No. 07-40129 (Now in the U.S.
24 District Court for the Northern District of California, Chapter 7 Case No. 07-3995 SI)
25 (the "Compass Fund Management Bankruptcy Case"); and
26 (b) Compass West Fund, L.P., thus commencing *In the Matter of Compass West Fund,*
27 *L.P.*, Bankr. N.D. Cal. Chapter 7 Case No. 07-40130 (Now in the U.S. District Court
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1 for the Northern District of California, Chapter 7 Case No. 07-3997 SI) (the “Compass
2 West Bankruptcy Case”).¹

3 No party contested the petitions filed in either the Compass Fund Management Bankruptcy
4 Case or the Compass West Bankruptcy Case. Orders for relief have been entered and chapter 7
5 trustees have been appointed in both cases. This Court has deemed the SEC Action, this involuntary
6 bankruptcy case, the Roosevelt Action, the Compass Fund Management Bankruptcy Case, and the
7 Compass West Bankruptcy Case to be related cases.

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9 On or about May 1, 2007, Kevin Bradford (individually and as trustee for the Mackenzie
10 Bradford Trust, the Madison Bradford Trust, the Gage Bradford Trust and the Morgan Bradford
11 Trust) and Richard Garman (collectively, the “Bradford Plaintiffs”) filed a complaint (the “Bradford
12 Complaint”) against Edward Sewon Ehee, Viper Capital Management, LLC, Compass Fund
13 Management, LLC, Robert Ehee, Albert Ehee, Jenifer Ehee and Does 1-20 (collectively the
14 “Bradford Defendants”) in the Superior Court for the State of California, County of San Francisco
15 (Case No. CGC-07-462966, the “Bradford Action”). The Bradford Complaint alleges, *inter alia*,
16 various counts of securities fraud, breach of contract, unjust enrichment, breaches of fiduciary duties,
17 fraud, negligent misrepresentation, conspiracy, conversion, and various fraudulent conveyances.

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19 On or about September 14, 2007, this Jennifer Ehee removed the Bradford Action from the
20 state court based on this Court’s jurisdiction over the Bankruptcy Cases. *See* N.D. Cal. Case No. 07-
21 04747.

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23 On June 27, 2007, at the request of the Commission and by order of this Court, this Court
24 withdrew the references to the Bankruptcy Cases from the Bankruptcy Court.

25 On or about November 6, 2007, the Debtor filed his Motion for an Order Authorizing the Sale
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27 ¹ The Ehee Bankruptcy, Compass Fund Management Bankruptcy Case, and the Compass West
28 Bankruptcy Case are collectively referred to as the “Bankruptcy Cases”.

1 of Property Free and Clear of Yang Lien (the "Sale Motion"). Pursuant to the Sale Motion, Ehee
 2 requested that certain real property commonly known as 6122 Acacia Avenue, Oakland, California
 3 ("6122 Acacia Ave.") would be sold for \$1,200,000 (the "Proceeds").

4 By order of the Court, dated December 20, 2007, the Proceeds, net of such costs commissions
 5 and liens paid into the registry of the Court. The sale of 6122 Acacia Ave. was made free and clear
 6 of the lien created and evidenced by a certain note and deed of trust dated October 27, 2007 in the
 7 face amount of \$200,000 in favor of Joong M. Yang (the "Yang Lien"). The Yang Lien attached to
 8 the Proceeds which are held in trust in the registry of the Court. The Commission and Roosevelt
 9 have raised questions to the validity and enforceability of the Yang Lien, although no formal
 10 objections have been filed.
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12 The Debtor has executed a settlement of the SEC Action with the Commission. The
 13 settlement with the Commission contemplates, inter alia, that this Court will assert and maintain
 14 jurisdiction over the Proceeds in the form of a fund (the "SEC Fund") which will be disbursed to
 15 creditors pursuant to an equitable plan to be approved by the Court.
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17 For the limited purpose of the entry of an order approving this Motion, the Debtor does not
 18 dispute that:

- 19 (a) Roosevelt was eligible to file the petition under Section 303(b) of the Bankruptcy
 20 Code;
- 21 (b) Roosevelt's unsecured claim against the Debtor exceeds \$13,475; and
- 22 (c) As of the Petition Date, the Debtor was generally not paying his debts as they became
 23 due unless a debt was the subject of a bona fide dispute as to liability or amount.²
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 27 ² The position set forth in this paragraph of the Motion constitutes concessions from the
 28 position taken in the Debtor's answer to the petition.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all of the
2 foregoing is true and correct, upon information and belief, and if called upon to testify to the matters
3 herein, I can competently testify thereto.

4 EXECUTED on February 15, 2008, at Boston, Massachusetts.

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6 _____/s/
7 RICHARD C. PEDONE
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